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# Bringing her beautiful game to Halifax

## Hero's welcome.

Christine Sinclair to share her soccer talents with young local players

Christine Sinclair never had a famous female athlete to look up to.

Instead, the country's soccer superstar worshipped legendary Toronto Blue Jays second baseman Roberto Alomar — she shares his jersey No 12, too.

She also had a mentor and best friend in her older brother Michael. The pair spent endless hours sharing their passion for the beautiful game.

Fast forward to last summer's London Olympics. The 29-year-old captured the hearts of sports fans with dazzling performances, guiding Canada's women's soccer team to a bronze medal and a heart-breaking, highly controversial loss to the eventual U.S. gold-medal winners.

Going into the tournament Sinclair and her teammates had a goal to raise the profile

of women's soccer.

"We asked why are we doing this apart from trying to win a medal? There's a bigger picture to this," she said by phone Thursday. "We came up with the idea of a legacy that we would leave this sport of women's soccer in a better place than we found it."

By all accounts they've achieved their goal.

Sinclair and three of her national teammates —

Diana Matheson, Rhian Wilkinson and Karina LeBlanc — will share their talent with a throng of thrilled young female soccer players at the Soccer Nova Scotia Indoor Facility in Clayton Park from Friday through Sunday.

The event was sold out less

than 48 hours after it was announced.

They have plenty of drills up

Canadian soccer star Christine Sinclair is in Halifax this weekend to take part in a three-day soccer camp for girls. (JEFF VINNICK/GETTY IMAGES)



their sleeves, but they all have stories to tell, too. Like how they've been cut by high school and national teams before representing their country on the biggest stage.

"You might not be the best at what you do but you push on and stick with it. We're a testament to that," Sinclair said.

She has her sights set on the 2015 World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics where she says she'd like to come home with a "shinier medal."

She still lives with the agony of that bitter defeat to the Americans, but sees the silver lining.

"I think about what it has done to add interest to our sport.

Had we won 3-0 or the Americans won 3-0 I don't think we'd be in the position we are in today."

ANDREW RANKIN/METRO

## National-team calibre

Teammates joining Sinclair in Halifax on the weekend:

• **Diana Matheson.** The 28-year-old plays midfield and is from Oakville, Ont. She has appeared in 140 international games for Canada and has 12 goals.



• **Karina LeBlanc.** The 32-year-old keeper is one of only 10 players to play more than 100 games for Canada. She is from Maple Ridge, B.C.



• **Rhian Wilkinson.** The 30-year-old fullback from Pointe-Claire, Que., has appeared in 131 games for Canada. She has seven goals.



## Quoted

"We hope these girls don't have to go through the same battles as we did. We had to fight so hard to get home games, to perform well on the international stage."

Christine Sinclair

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## Reaction

**Fund will motivate students to 'make change'****RUTH DAVENPORT**  
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The government funding for energy-efficient upgrades at Millwood High School comes at a perfect time for the co-founders of the school's new environment club.

"The school will be greener and that will happen, but if we're trying to make students more environmentally conscious, they have to know what's going on," said student Jessica Ward.

The Halifax Regional School Board proposed the upgrades to the province based partly on feedback from students, who identified environmental awareness as a cause important to them.

A new boiler may not be the most exciting platform on which to build a cause, but Ward and her co-founder Stephanie Quirke say it's proof that getting involved can make a difference.

"I think once (students) know that people are actually doing something and this isn't a hopeless cause, they'll be more and more motivated to make change," said Quirke.

The young women say the environmental cause is a priority for most students and the new "Green Team" at Millwood will result in more tangible, environmentally friendly changes.

"People are interested, there's an obvious spark," said Quirke.

"That's why we wanted to do this."



MLA Mat Whynott, left, talks energy efficiency with Millwood High students Jessica Ward and Stephanie Quirke and principal Joe Morrison. The school's old boiler will be replaced with a natural-gas version, one of dozens of energy-efficient upgrades to be paid for by the province starting in 2013. RUTH DAVENPORT/METRO

# Province to fund green upgrades

**Long-term thinking.** Four-year, \$34-million project will improve energy efficiency at 90 HRM schools

Nearly 100 schools in the Halifax region will get energy-efficient upgrades over the next four years that will result in savings of more than \$2 million a year.

NDP MLA Mat Whynott announced \$34 million in funding from the capital plan for the project during an event at Millwood High School Thursday.

He praised the Halifax

**Be the change**

**"If we want to raise a generation of students who are conscious stewards of the world around them, we have to model that by being efficient and practising sustainability with our own resources."**

MLA Mat Whynott

Regional School Board for submitting the idea last year.

"It's an investment in our infrastructure, but ultimately it's an investment in our students and our staff," said Whynott.

Millwood High will have its boiler replaced with a natural-gas version, which is expected to save about \$60,000 a year.

Other upgrades going into

90 of HRSB's 130 schools include updated lighting and energy-usage metering systems.

The upgrades are expected to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions by 20 per cent, the equivalent of taking 1,500 cars off the road.

The school board representative for District 8, David Wright, said the board has been working on reducing

energy costs since 2005, and noted the plan addresses a cause often championed by students themselves.

"We want to be socially and environmentally responsible, and part of that is fostering a lifelong culture of energy stewardship in our students," he said.

Interim school board superintendant Judy White said savings resulting from the upgrades would be re-invested in the classroom.

"By doing things differently, we're actually going to get money that we can use in the best interests of all students," she said.

The upgrades will be made beginning in 2013.

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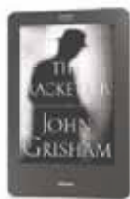
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Members of Halifax Regional Police lay wreaths at the base of the Fort Needham Bell Tower Thursday morning during a remembrance ceremony marking the 95th anniversary of the Halifax Explosion. JEFF HARPER/METRO

# Remembering the Halifax Explosion, 95 years later

**Anniversary ceremony.** Survivors reflect on how disaster changed their lives



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The sound of bells ringing in the cold air and snow falling from a pale sky ended the 95th anniversary ceremony of the Halifax Explosion in the city's north-end on Thursday.

Hundreds gathered around the Fort Needham Hill Bell Tower just before 9 a.m., to reflect on the worst tragedy in Nova Scotia's history.

George Sim, who is 102,

## Quoted

**"It shaped my adulthood."**

George Sim, who survived the Halifax Explosion



**Halifax Explosion survivor Mary Murphy.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

of Citadel Hill because he was worried another blast would happen any moment. "Looking over everything, that was quite a sight to see," he said.

Roughly 2,000 people died and 9,000 more were injured in the blast that devastated two square miles of the city and affected those in Dartmouth and Bedford.

"It's a story that continues to remind us how to respond as communities in times of great destruction and horror with compassion and love," area councillor Jennifer Watts said during the ceremony.

Hundreds of doctors, nurses and volunteers came from neighbouring provinces and as far away as Boston to help the city rebuild.

The explosion was caused by the French munitions ship Mont Blanc colliding with a Norwegian relief ship Imo, and was the largest man-made explosion in history at the time.

"It's important to remember these things," Sim said.

watched the ceremony with fellow survivors Kathleen MacDonald and Mary Murphy. He lived on the lower part of Artz Street and was home when the explosion happened.

"There were people running around ... there was blood everywhere," Sim said of what he saw when stepping outside on that Dec. 6, 1917, morning.

Sim said his father brought the family to the top



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## Abuse. Victims of violence honoured in day of remembrance



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Bea LeBlanc remembers a time when if police responded to a domestic abuse call, all they could do was drop off the man at the end of the street and hope he cooled down.

"It shows how much attitudes have changed, that violence against women is unacceptable," said LeBlanc, chair of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women.

Alongside Marilyn More, the minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women, and Premier Darrell Dexter, LeBlanc spoke during a ceremony at Province House on Thursday marking the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women on Thursday.

Dec. 6 also represents the 23rd anniversary of the L'Ecole Polytechnique massacre in 1989, when 14 women were killed.

"It's a time for us to reflect, and look at what

### Quoted

**"Let's work with our children to show them that respect for men, women and children ... is very important."**

Bea LeBlanc  
Chair of the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women

needs to be done," LeBlanc said.

More said it's exciting to see initiatives like the domestic violence court program launched this summer, which educates and treats those who commit abuse.

"I am hopeful we are moving in the right direction," More said.

LeBlanc said while attitudes have changed, there should be more education in schools around bullying, since it's a root cause of violent behaviour later on.

"Let's work with our children to show them that respect for men, women and children ... is very important," she said.



## New take on de-stressing that involves a woof or two

Roc, a registered therapeutic dog, at Dalhousie's new Puppy Room on Thursday afternoon. The University in partnership with Therapeutic Paws of Canada started the room to help students de-stress during exams. Visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) for a photo gallery. JEFF HARPER/METRO

### Distress signal

## Military helicopters dispatched in false alarm

The military says a distress signal that resulted in the dispatch of two rescue helicopters turned out to be a false alarm.

An Emergency Locator Transmitter, or ELT began transmitting from somewhere in the Burnside area around 4 p.m. Thursday.

Jeri Grychowski, public affairs officer for Joint Task Force Atlantic, said a Cormorant helicopter was dispatched from 14 Wing Greenwood to search for the source of the signal, and was joined

by a Sea King from 12 Wing Shearwater.

Around 4:25 p.m., the signal was determined to be a false alarm and the choppers were called off. Grychowski said it's thought the signal may have originated from a company in Burnside that manufactures life rafts equipped with the emergency locators. METRO

### Busted

## Searches lead to 25 guns being seized

A man and two women are facing charges after police found dozens of guns and drugs at two related searches in Dartmouth, including one on Thursday. METRO

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## Crime. Egged house leads to car chase, charges

A 48-year-old Halifax man who chased after a group of teens in a car after his home was allegedly egged is facing charges for failing to drive or operate a motor vehicle in a careful and prudent matter.

Police say just before 10 p.m. Wednesday, police in Halifax were called to a driving complaint on Highway 102. Witnesses told police two vehicles were driving erratically and going well over the speed limit. Police also got reports of one car almost striking the other.

Eventually, police stopped the two vehicles on Highway 101 near Exit 3.

"We got several calls of cars almost getting hit and there being road rage," said Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae.

According to police, the owner of a home on Beechwood Terrace believed his house was egged by three people in a car, then gave

### Quoted

**"Any time we get vehicles driving on our highways at high speeds and in a reckless manner, it puts people at risk."**

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae

chase in his own vehicle.

He, along with the 18-year-old female driver of the other car, have both been charged under the motor vehicle act for failing to drive in a careful and prudent matter. The other two people in the car, aged 18 and 17, haven't been charged.

Police say they're still looking into a mischief complaint for the alleged egg-throwing.

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### Bayers Lake

#### No charges after 76-year-old driver plows through window

A driver who crashed through the front of a Bayers Lake business wasn't hurt, but a shopper in the store suffered a minor injury.

Police say a 76-year-old woman lost control of her car as she was parking at the Dollarama on Chain Lake Drive around 3 p.m. Thursday and drove through the store's front window.

The driver was shaken up but unharmed.

A woman in the store was taken to hospital for treatment of a minor ankle injury, and police say both the car and store sustained "extensive damage."

No charges are expected.

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### Gerrish Street

#### Two men injured, same men charged, after assault

Two men who were involved in a serious beating on Gerrish Street in Halifax are facing charges.

The assault was reported around 12:15 p.m. Thursday. Police went to an apartment building in the 5000 block of Gerrish and found a 41-year-old man who had been severely beaten.

Officers arrested a 34-year-old man near the scene of the assault who was also injured.

As a result of the investigation, the 41-year-old man is facing a count of assault, and the 34-year-old man will be charged with assault causing bodily harm.

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Premier Darrell Dexter talks with reporters after a business luncheon in Halifax on Wednesday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Dexter under fire for keeping study secret

### On the defensive.

Premier says he hasn't seen the results

The debate over Nova Scotia's role in the Muskrat Falls hydro-electric development in Labrador took an odd twist Thursday as Premier Darrell Dexter struggled to explain why an ongoing study of the project has been kept secret for the past three months.

Dexter has said the province spent \$85,000 on an untendered contract to have John Dalton, president of Power

Advisory in Carlisle, Mass., determine whether getting electricity from Muskrat Falls would be cheaper than getting it from wind turbines, natural gas plants or hydro dams in Quebec.

He said work started on the assessment in September.

The opposition has been calling for an independent review for months, but the premier did not say anything about Dalton's work until Wednesday.

When asked why he kept the study under wraps, Dexter initially indicated he did not want the media pestering Dalton's company.

Then on Thursday, Dexter changed gears, saying outside the legislature that the only thing that mattered was that the work was being done.

"People want to be assured that this is going to lead to the lowest and fairest rates," he said.

When pressed for a more specific answer, Dexter said: "Usually, when we talk about (studies), it is when we have something that is of a nature that is mature enough to be able to talk about it. It takes time to develop that."

"They have to do the work, they have to do the research, they have to do the analysis...."

### Sign off

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has signed off on a loan guarantee for Muskrat Falls, which is estimated to cost between \$7.5 billion and \$7.7 billion.

It's not a riddle. I'm not trying to be anything but forthright."

PC Leader Jamie Baillie said he believes the premier chose to remain mute until he was sure the study would give him the answers he wanted — a charge Dexter has denied.

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## Global perspective

## Worries grow over threat of chemical weapons

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird is urging China and Russia to lean on the regime of Syrian President Bashar Assad as reports emerge he could unleash chemical weapons on his own people.

The UN Security Council

has been powerless to censure Syria because of the objections of veto-wielding Russia and China.

"These reports are deeply disturbing and are absolutely unacceptable," Baird told the House of Commons on Thursday. "Our government has been very clear that the international community will not tolerate the use of chemical weapons by the Assad regime on the Syrian people."

"We have called on coun-

tries like Russia and China to use whatever leverage they have to prevent this serious crisis from entering a new, disastrous phase."

Canada, the U.S. and several European and Arab countries have repeatedly called for Assad to step down.

Meanwhile, NATO is following through on its plan to place Patriot missiles and troops along Syria's border with Turkey to guard against potential attacks.

The Assad regime denounces this move as psychological warfare and says it won't stop it from defeating the rebel forces it says are terrorists.

"Ultimately Assad and his supporters will be held accountable," Baird said. "We stand with the Syrian people in their hour of need."

Western countries are wary about arming rebels because of fears of extremists in their ranks.

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A Free Syrian Army fighter breaks a hole in the wall of a resident's home on Wednesday during clashes in Aleppo. NARCISO CONTRERAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Assad's back against the wall as rebels close in

**Syrian crisis.** President may have no choice but to fight to the death, diplomat says

The battle for Damascus looms closer. As Syrian rebels encircle President Bashar al Assad's stronghold, he will be aware of the fate met by fellow leaders who misruled their people and faced their wrath.

Libya's Moammar Gadhafi dragged out of a drainpipe, sodomized and shot. Hosni Mubarak of Egypt jailed for life.

The opposition under the loose umbrella of the Free Syrian Army is battling Assad's forces in the south and eastern suburbs, and on the road to the airport as his warplanes hit back. As the noose tightens around Damascus, the seat of family rule since Assad's late father, Hafez, seized power 42 years ago, the president faces tough choices about what to do next. Fight or flee?

An important calculation in his decision is the fate of his Alawite community, a minority who practise an offshoot of Shiite Islam and have been instrumental in suppressing the uprising.

They make up 12 per cent of the population but are the backbone of the regime — 80 per cent of the army's officer class are Alawites.

Assad will fight to the death because the rebels, many of whom are Sunni, would show no mercy, said Nikolaos van Dam, a veteran diplomat with 35 years of experience in Syria.

"This is a battle for death or life," he said. "The regime knows if they are toppled they will simply be killed. It could be a long battle in Damascus."

Violence is spiralling out of control. On Wednesday, 140 people died, the U.K.-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported.

The government controls only half of Aleppo and several military bases have been overrun by opposition fighters, according to reports by Syrian-based activists.

Speculation is intensifying about how long the regime can hold on. On Monday, Nabil al Araby, head of the Arab League, told Agence France-Presse that the government could fall at "any time."

"Facts on the ground indicate very clearly now that the Syrian opposition is gaining, politically and militarily," he said.

Assad himself remained defiant in an interview with Russia Today television broadcast on Nov. 8.

"I am Syrian; I was made in Syria; I have to live in Syria and die in Syria," he said.

An internal coup by officers against Assad is not an option because the new leaders would be overthrown by rebels determined to end the Alawite control of state institutions, van Dam said.

Exile in Russia, which has backed him, or to another country, with his wife, Asma, and their three children, is no guarantee he would not be extradited for war crimes in the future, van Dam said.

Assad fleeing the country to save himself would leave Alawite soldiers and civilians at the mercy of rebels, said Joshua Landis, director of Middle East Studies at Oklahoma University who blogs at Syria Comment.

"The Alawites are counting on Assad to protect his people from possible retribution," he said. "He's kept them hostage, in a sense, and now he can't abandon them."

After both sides violated a ceasefire brokered by UN peace envoy Lakhdar Brahimi in October, peaceful settlement is no longer an option either.

He may have little choice but to hang on to Damascus by force.

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Amy Andrews, right, kisses her partner, Jeri Andrews, as they wait to be among the first to be issued a marriage licence to a same-sex couple Wednesday in Seattle. Amy wore the same veil during a symbolic, though not legal, marriage ceremony the couple had in 2011. ELAINE THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Hundreds line up for same-sex marriage licences

### Law takes effect.

Washington state joins several other states that allow gay and lesbian couples to wed

Two by two, dozens of same-sex couples obtained their marriage licences in Washington state early Thursday, just hours after Gov. Chris Gregoire signed a voter-approved law legalizing gay marriage.

King County, the state's biggest county, opened the doors to its auditor's office in Seattle just after midnight to start dis-

tributing marriage licences. But hundreds of people had lined up hours earlier, snaking around the downtown Seattle building on a chilly December night. By 6 a.m., 279 licences had been issued. Because Washington state has a three-day waiting period, the earliest that weddings can take place is Sunday.

Last month, Washington, Maine and Maryland became the first states to pass same-sex marriage by popular vote.

The law doesn't require religious organizations or churches to perform marriages, and it doesn't subject churches to penalties if they

don't marry same-sex couples.

In Seattle, the mood was festive. Volunteers distributed roses, coffee and fruit. Couples canoodled to keep warm. Champagne was poured. Different groups of men and women serenaded the waiting line.

"We waited a long time. We've been together 35 years, never thinking we'd get a legal marriage. Now I feel so joyous I can't hardly stand it," said 85-year-old Pete-e Petersen, who with her partner, 77-year-old Jane Abbott Lighty, were the first to get a licence. They met 35 years ago on a blind date. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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# Saskatchewan man's mo' raises nearly \$100K

## Movember.

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A Saskatchewan man has grown the most charitable Movember moustache in the world.

Reed Ludwig was able to raise \$96,346 in his Movember fundraiser, putting him on top of the international leaderboard.

"It's quite overwhelming actually. I still don't know how to describe it. The support has been unbelievable," said Ludwig.



Reed Ludwig METRO

wig at the Saskatchewan legislature Thursday.

Ludwig's efforts were commended by Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall in session Thursday.

"We are really proud that the worldwide Movember leader is from right here in Saskatchewan," said Premier Wall, whose own Movember campaign raised \$15,971.

Ludwig said part of his

motivation to raise money in support of prostate-cancer awareness is because he had a grandfather that dealt with it briefly. He had never participated in Movember before, nor grown a moustache.

"I just said, 'Why not? Let's see what we can do,'" Ludwig told reporters.

He says the feat was a team effort, as the company he works for, MEG Energy, matched donations made by other employees. Ludwig was chosen in October to represent the company as a whole for Movember after he competed in a 10-day moustache-growing competition. The original goal was to raise \$50,000 on site, but Ludwig said it grew to be a lot bigger than that.

According to the Movember website, Canada as a whole raised more money than any other country for the second year in a row.



## In sickness and in health

Britain's Prince William stands next to his wife, Kate, Duchess of Cambridge, as she leaves the King Edward VII hospital in central London, Thursday. The couple are expecting their first child, and the Duchess of Cambridge was admitted to hospital suffering from a severe form of morning sickness. ANDREW MATTHEWS, PA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Tweet tragedy

### Twitter cutting characters

Careful counters of Twitter, beware: You may soon have two fewer characters to share your pithy thoughts.

According to TheNextWeb.com, Twitter is planning to increase the space that links take up within each tweet from 20 to 22 letters — but they're still keeping the notorious 140-character limit.

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## Software mogul

### McAfee denied political asylum

Software company founder John McAfee was denied political asylum in Guatemala on Thursday and police in Belize said they expected him to be flown back soon for questioning about the killing of a fellow American expatriate.

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# Florida plans to fight mosquitoes with mosquitoes

## Dengue fever.

Public-health experiment would see genetically modified males released in hopes they pass birth defect to offspring

Mosquito-control officials in the Florida Keys are waiting for the federal government to sign off on an experiment that would release hundreds of thousands of genetically modified mosquitoes to reduce the risk of dengue fever in the tourist town of Key West.

If approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, it would be the first such experiment in the States. Some Key West residents worry that not enough



In this October photo taken in Key Largo, a dead *Aedes aegypti* mosquito is held. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

research has been done to determine the risks that releasing genetically modified mosquitoes might pose to the Keys' fragile ecosystem.

Officials are targeting the *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes because they can spread den-

gue fever, a disease health officials thought had been eradicated in the U.S. until 93 cases originated in the Keys in 2009 and 2010.

The trial planned by mosquito-control officials and the British company Oxitec would release non-biting male mosquitoes that have been genetically modified to pass along a birth defect that kill their progeny before reaching maturity.

The idea is that they will mate with wild females and their children will die before reproducing.

After a few generations, Key West's *Aedes aegypti* population would die off, reducing the dengue-fever risk without using pesticides and at relatively a low cost, the proponents say.

There is no vaccine for dengue fever.

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## Strong enough for Detroit firefighters

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## Non-jolly mall Santa canned

A mall in Maine has sacked Santa Claus after children and parents complained he was rude, grumpy and wouldn't even let one child sit on his lap.

Officials at the Maine Mall

in South Portland say they're looking for a jollier Santa.

Jessica Mailhiot and her six-year-old daughter, Chantel, went to see Santa this week. They said he was rude and wouldn't let the girl sit

on his lap when they said they didn't want to buy a \$20 photo.

When Chantel's mom posted her story online, others shared similar experiences. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Once-proud seafood restaurant now the rusting hulk of Toronto Harbour

## Moored since 1975.

He owes back taxes, everybody wants him out, and there are no other spots for his vessel in the harbour

Almost six months after the city shut down Captain John's Restaurant, its 74-year-old owner is living on board in squalor and vowing to go down with his rusting ship.

John Letnik has been slowly dismantling anything of value from his beloved Jadran and still spends some nights sleeping on the carpet in his Captain's Quarters.

He had movers put the bed and other valuables in storage back in July, the day before Waterfront Toronto officials ordered Captain John's signs and the gangplank to the restaurant removed to make way for a planned park.

"I was afraid I wasn't going to be able to get every-



Captain John Letnik aboard his now-closed floating restaurant at the foot of Yonge Street. It's been moored there since 1975. RANDY RISLING/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

thing out of here otherwise. What was I going to do, lower things down from the ship by rope?"

Instead, it's been six months of silence, says Let-

nik, since the city shut off water to the ship June 26 and health officials ordered the restaurant shut down.

The gangplank remains. And Letnik, who underwent

hip-replacement surgery last March, carts in water when he's not staying with family or friends.

Captain John still clings to the remote hope that if he

can get a 10-year lease on a new waterfront slip, he can find a buyer for the 300-foot vessel, pay off \$568,000 in back taxes and "leave with dignity." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

## Persona non grata

Letnik says he's become so frustrated that no one from the Toronto Port Authority, Waterfront Toronto or the city will return his calls. He recently asked longtime friend and former councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski to intervene.

- During a half-hour meeting in Mayor Ford's office Nov. 30, Korwin-Kuczynski says he appealed to the handful of city and waterfront officials present for solutions.
- "They basically told me there were no other spots for the ship in the harbour and he should walk away with honour," Korwin-Kuczynski said.
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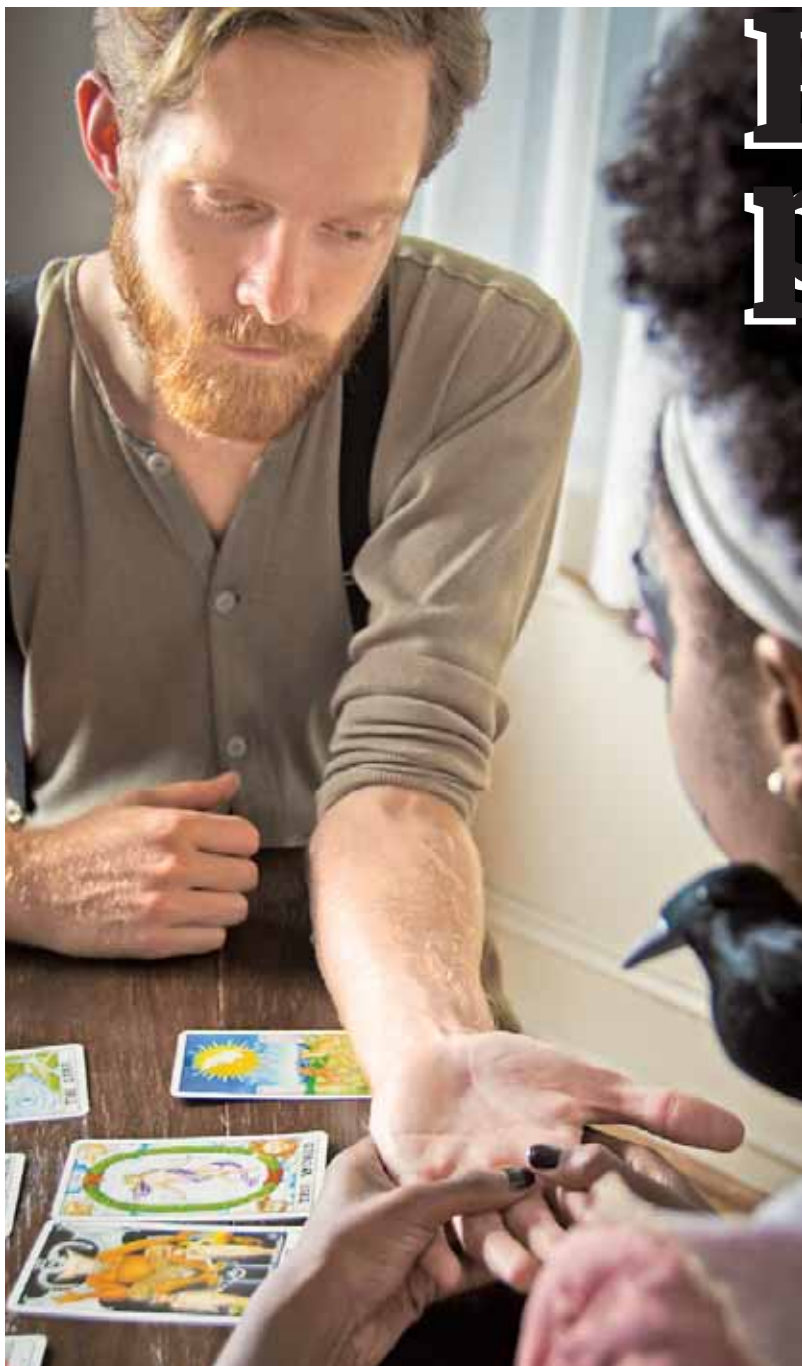
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# Bewitching promises



This photo depicts a tarot reading. People's belief systems make them vulnerable to the kinds of scams run by false mediums, says James Alcock, a York University professor. Those beliefs range from believing in the existence of the occult to thinking that financial advisers' pyramid schemes will make you rich. ISTOCK

**Psychic claims.** Visit to 'Angel of Love' leaves Toronto man broke and heavy-hearted

"Rick" first went to see Angel because he wanted to find his ex-girlfriend.

He was responding to an ad by a psychic who calls himself the "Angel of Love."

He returned to Angel, repeatedly, because he wanted his band's music to be heard around the world.

Today, the ex-girlfriend hasn't returned, the band is still unknown and Rick is \$11,000 poorer. He doesn't want his real name used because he's deeply embarrassed. He's an intelligent man who holds a good job with the provincial government.

Police say his case is not unique. Last week, Toronto police laid fraud charges against a man claiming to be a witch

## Guilt and shame

**"My money's gone though .... They're laughing. Probably got a new car."**

Rick, who says he was scammed but is too embarrassed to go the police.

doctor. On Wednesday, police again cautioned the public about three women claiming to be psychics who preyed on two Chinese victims.

There is a fine line between psychics who break the law and those who don't.

According to Toronto police spokesman Const. Tony Vella, offering a psychic reading for money is legal. It becomes fraud if the psychic knowingly frightens the client into giving him money. There is a law against pretending to practice witchcraft, but it's legal to believe you are offering a real psychic reading.

Rick says Angel told him an evil spirit was causing his problems. For a fee, he claimed to be

able to remove the spirit.

Rick met Angel and his female assistant at their office.

"To start off, it's going to be \$900. So I went and I took \$900 from ... my Visa."

He was told to drink a cup of liquid.

"I started barfing right in a cup. I said it's too much. He said it's just the start."

Rick returned to Angel many times since his first visit last spring. He spent another \$3,000 before being told to phone their leader, "Juan," in Miami. That man asked Rick for another \$11,000. Juan convinced him the "evil spirit in the netherworld" would obey their commands, for a price.

"I took out \$8,000 more. It was the most I could get," he said. "He said OK, enough, we'll work on it for you."

Angel didn't show him the spirit as promised, Rick says.

Toronto's Angel of Love has not been convicted of any crime related to his soothsaying business. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

## Why we fall for scams

**You've been very hurt by someone in your past**

We're all susceptible to scams when they play on the belief system we've adopted since childhood, according to a psychology professor at York University in Toronto.

"Everybody's vulnerable," said James Alcock, who teaches a class on belief systems. "You could take a person

who doesn't believe in curses, but doesn't believe in psychics, is very careful about responding to spam emails and yet they could be suckered by some financial adviser."

Belief in psychics, witches, curses and spells is deeply rooted in many cultures and people usually pick up those beliefs as children.

While some psychics truly believe in what they're doing, others scam, picking up on their mark's vulnerabilities, said Alcock. "There's a need the person has, or the psychic creates the need and then they fill the need," he said.

Many psychics use tricks

of the trade to read people and gain their confidence, said Alcock. He gives a "cold reading" to a student in his class every year, even though he's not psychic.

"When you're talking to a psychic, you're giving feedback, even if you're trying not to," he said.

The combination of vague statements and careful observation works. Every so often, a student will come up to him privately after class to ask if he really is psychic, because he appeared to know all about some deeply personal thing that happened to them.

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## Cash for occult proof

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James Randi offered \$1,000 to the first person who could offer proof of the paranormal in 1964 and since then, no one has been able to claim the prize. With the aid of donors and his educational foundation, the prize grew to \$1 million.

JESSICA SMITH/METRO



In Salem, Mass., metaphysical items such as tarot cards and crystals are counted toward a fortune teller licence. ISTOCK

# The ex files: Metro reporter asks 'Angel' to find her guy



JESSICA SMITH  
Metro in Toronto

I went to the Angel of Love's office not hoping to find my lost ex-boyfriend, as I told him, but to verify claims the psychic was telling people they were cursed and the way to remove it was to give him money.

I, too, was told that I had been cursed and that it would cost me a lot of money to have my ex-boyfriend back.

We met in the back room of a dingy apartment over a convenience store on Eglinton Avenue West in Toronto. There was no neon sign flashing "psychic," no crystal ball.

Only a pack of tarot cards on the messy desk gave it away as something a little different.

I said I couldn't get in touch with my ex and I was worried about his safety.

Angel spoke in a deep, gravely foreign language and his assistant translated. After a bit of negotiation, he gave me a "reading" for \$40.

"Your luck is not good," said the assistant as Angel

read my tarot cards. "On your luck, depends everything. Love and work. Everything. Money, money comes and money goes."

They told me a lot of people are envious of me. I tried to look pleased, to pass off as vain.

"There is a woman, she is the one that has a lot of envy over you," said the assistant. "She is envious of your relationship."

They asked if I've been to a psychic before. I said no, truthfully.

"He can see witchcraft, spells and those things. There is a person who has probably put them to work on you," said the assistant as Angel read my palm.

The witch's curse is blocking my luck, so everything in my life suffers, he said.

The next day I got bad news. My ex-boyfriend is seeing someone.

I exclaimed, "You found him?" but the assistant explained that that's not what they do. They can just "see" he is seeing someone else now.

I tried to look aggrieved.

"We can always bring him back," said the assistant. "To you, for a price."

The assistant explained that there will be three different sessions required, and there are different levels of service I can get. The top tier costs \$1,500, in three payments of \$500.

"They'll bring him back, and he'll stay with you forever, he'll love you forever. That's why it's the highest price," he said.

For less money, my ex will return but won't be guaranteed to stay as long — \$1,200 for four years, \$900 for two.

If I opt for any, they will throw in a cure for the spell that the witch put on me and give me a charm that will keep me safe in the future. I told them I'd think it over.

Reached by phone Thursday, Angel's assistant said they have never had any complaints about what they do and he doesn't feel they are taking advantage of people.

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**Salem's ordinance**

## If you can't beat them, license 'em?

Psychics seem to be drawn to Salem, Mass., and its rich history of witchcraft. To keep a handle on things the local government licenses fortune tellers.

The city offers four different kinds of licences, with different rules, said clerk Melissa Pagliaro.

"For a store licence, (it) has to consist of at least 75 per cent ... 'metaphysical' items," she said. "Each store can have up to five readers. They are all subject to an application and a (criminal history) check."

Such items include crystals, anointing oils, amulets, incense, candles, tarot cards, ritual attire and books related to spiritual study or practice.

# IN DEFENCE OF PSYCHICS

CLARE HINES  
FOR METRO

For Clare Hines, who has visited psychics for years, it's not about getting back a boyfriend or winning the lottery. It's about keeping in tune with the universe.

My great Aunt Nell sometimes said things about which she couldn't — shouldn't — know anything. Details weren't always accurate, but context and implications were.

Aunt Nell would say maybe it was a "gift" or being "sensitive" or having "psychic" powers. She claimed to know no more than anyone else, but that sometimes facts or knowledge revealed themselves to her.

When I was young, Aunt Nell used an ordinary deck of cards for my "readings." It was fun. In my teenage years and later there were no props or formal readings. We just sat and talked. I could tell when she tapped into me. She never spared me the negative — although she once didn't tell a friend he was really ill. And he was. Knowledge could be burdensome.

Aunt Nell said true psychics didn't advertise. One discovered them. Since her passing, I have visited two psychics.

They were not easy to find. It's my experience psychics look like manicurists, administrative assistants and suburban mothers. They use props to aid with concentration. No one ever told me I'd receive a letter soon, take a trip or fall in love. I was told someone always lies to me, bodies of water calm me and I'm my own worst enemy.

**Sorry, Miss Cleo**

Aunt Nell said true psychics didn't advertise. One discovered them.

After visiting a psychic, I'm more in tune with the universe. Implicitly I'm reminded much in life is random, the unpredictable is often more influential than the predictable, that I am not powerless but will never have complete control of anything. However humbling, such wisdom is therapeutic.

My general practitioner once sent me to a psychiatrist to discuss bad dreams and sleeplessness that were affecting my health. Treatment was very helpful. During one session, the psychiatrist asked if I visited psychics: "I suspect they will prove helpful to you." Indeed.

**Recent fraud cases**

Between 1999 and 2010, five people were charged with pretending to practise witchcraft in Ontario. Toronto police announced two more cases in the last couple of weeks.

- Police said Wednesday they are searching for three female suspects who allegedly conned two women, aged 76 and 53, out of their valuables by offering to "bless" them.
- On Nov. 27, police arrested Gustavo Valencia Gomes of Mississauga, Ont., and charged him with pretending to practise witchcraft and fraud. Maria Roesta, 56, of Brampton, said she went into credit card debt to pay a self-described "healer," who convinced her that her headaches were the result of a curse and extravagant rituals were needed to lift it.

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## More Canadians have RRSPs than this time last year

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## Q4 earnings reports

## Strong results for banks clouded by loan outlook

Shares in TD Bank, CIBC and National Bank of Canada all fell Thursday as worries about the outlook for consumer loans amid record household debt overshadowed earnings reports that met or exceeded expectations.

Despite solid fourth-quarter financial results, National Bank fell 1.4 per cent to \$76.60, CIBC gave back 0.47 per cent to \$80.14 and TD was off 1.8 per cent, closing at \$81.12.

The performance "reflects what investors see as a challenging environment for the banks," said CIBC World Markets analyst Rob Sedran, who forecast a 2013 growth pullback in the sector to between five per cent and six per cent.

He said the banks are bracing for a decline in consumer loans growth, especially in the cooling housing market, as governments tighten mortgage rules and leveraged consumers become more cautious about borrowing.

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# Canada Post flunks information-request report card – again

**Ottawa.** Information commissioner finds postal service is still far from achieving transparency

The information watchdog says Canada Post has delivered only marginal improvement on its handling of access-to-information requests.

The post office received an F on its latest report card from Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault after being stamped with red-alert status for its poor performance two years ago.

As reported Wednesday, the CBC got an A for its processing of requests in 2011-12, up from an F for its performance two years ago.

The access law allows people who pay \$5 to seek federal files ranging from expense reports and email messages to briefing notes and internal



Canada Post vehicles sit outside a sorting depot in the Ville St-Laurent borough of Montreal in this file photo. Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault has found the postal service has made only a bit of improvement over the past two years in how it processes information requests. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

audits.

As an ombudsman for users of the law, Legault has periodically looked at whether key institutions meet their legal obligations of transparency.

In her report card on Canada Post, Legault said although the Crown corporation has taken some steps toward

improving its performance, it is still far from achieving optimal compliance with the law.

In a statement Thursday, Canada Post said it was disappointed with the F rating, as it had taken steps to improve performance. It committed to doing even better.

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## Bank of Canada. Low interest rates putting stress on world economy, central bank says

The Bank of Canada is warning that its own low-interest policies and those of central banks around the world are adding another layer of risk to the already stressed global financial system and economy.

The central bank says near-record-level interest rates in place since the 2008-09 recession are taking their toll on insurance companies, pension funds and even increasing the appetite of investors to take risks in search of higher returns.

In Canada, they have been a prime mover to the other major domestic risk — an overheated housing market and high levels of consumer debt as Canadians take advantage of cheap money to buy real estate.

Bank governor Mark Carney has warned about the dangers of low interest rates sporadically in the past, but this time the bank's governing council has thought the concern grave enough to add it to the list of risks facing Canada and the world.

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# Rona looks to boost long-term profits

**Home improvement.**  
Troubled company has been under pressure to improve bottom line

Rona is hoping to convince investors of the long-term potential of Canada's largest home-improvement chain by making strategic moves, including the sale of non-core assets, to improve profitability after years of focusing on top-line growth.

"This is really managing the business long-term and creating value long-term," acting CEO Dominique Boies said in an interview Thursday after Rona disclosed the Quebec-based company's strategic plan.

Rona Inc. said it will take until Feb. 21 to evaluate what changes need to be made to unlock the "profit potential of a simplified business model."

The troubled company has been under pressure to improve its bottom line, especially since it rejected a lucrative takeover bid by U.S. rival Lowe's.



A Rona store is shown in Toronto in this July file photo. Canada's largest home-improvement retailer says it's preparing to sell non-core assets and make other strategic moves to improve its profitability. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Quoted

"If someone wants cash-out tomorrow morning, (the plan) might not please them. But we're not managing the business for the next quarter, we're managing the business for the long run — so that's why those strategic priorities are there." Rona CEO Dominique Boies

Earlier, Boies told a news conference that Rona had in fact offered to buy Lowe's

Canada in 2011 to reduce overcapacity in the market. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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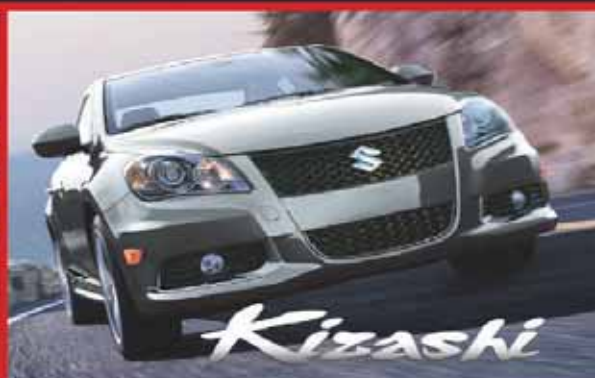
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# FRACAS ENSUES AFTER F-BOMB DROPPED IN THE HOUSE



**THE LIST**  
Paul Sullivan  
metronews.ca

TGIF, when you can read the Metro List and relive the parade of wonders that marks yet another zany week in this crazy world we live in.

**1** We are amused. The next generation of British royals is gestating, and poor Kate ends up in the hospital, suffering from a right royal bout of morning sickness. After enduring a round-the-clock siege from publicity hounds and pranksters, she emerges looking remarkably well, considering, proving once again that there will always be an England. There might even be twins.

**2** Nothing amusing here. The Harper government House leader nearly comes to blows with his NDP counterpart after crossing the floor in a pugnacious manner to deliver a speech composed primarily of the F word. Who elected these clowns? Oh, right.

**3** Attack of the killer PM. Why can't we elect somebody cool like Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who takes time out of her busy schedule to reassure her people that even though the world will end on Dec. 21 (as allegedly predicted by the Mayan calendar), she will continue to stand by them to the bitter end, which will be caused by: "flesh eating zombies, demonic hell beasts or from the total triumph of K-Pop." I think she's kidding, but the Tasmanian devil certainly fits the description of a demonic hell beast.

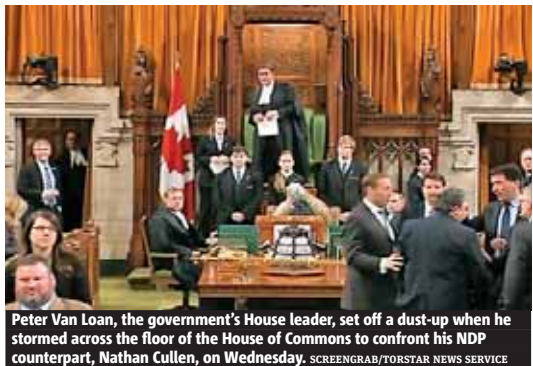
**4** Speaking of the end of the world. The poor little misunderstood pop star Justin Bieber is snubbed by the Grammy nominators again in favour of dumb old guys like Jack White, the Black Keys, and Maroon 5. As if!

**5** Riot like an Egyptian. The Muslim Brotherhood, now in power as the Arab Spring turns to winter, passes a constitution that prohibits discrimination against anyone, but removes the phrase "on the basis of sex, origin, religion and creed." Uh-oh. The Brotherhood's power grab has blown the lid off the uneasy calm on the streets of Cairo, where spring seems a long, long time ago.

**6** Lest we forget. This week marks the 23rd anniversary of the cold-blooded murder of 14 women in Montreal by a crazed misogynist. It remains as horrifying as it did then. And, yes, every man owns a piece of it.

**7** What would YOU have done? A bus driver in Vienna finds a sack stuffed with money, (390,000 euros to be precise, worth more than half a million Canadian dollars) and turns it in! It is traced to an elderly lady who left it behind on the bus. For being the world's most painfully honest man, the driver receives a small cash award and, as it's the end of his shift, gets to take the rest of the day off.

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Peter Van Loan, the government's House leader, set off a dust-up when he stormed across the floor of the House of Commons to confront his NDP counterpart, Nathan Cullen, on Wednesday. SCREENGRAB/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# The beauty of making rice



ISABELLE CHAUVEL/SOLENT

Landscape photography

## Shining spectacle found in rice fields

At first glance, it looks like a stained-glass window, but a wide gaze reveals something more grand and spectacular.

Reflective pools of water at one of the world's largest rice terraces offer stunning views, especially from 1,800 metres up in the mountains. Isabelle Chauvel took the photos in Yuanyang in China's Yunnan Province. **METRO**

Natural beauty

## Man, nature create visual wonder

Chauvel spent from sunrise to sunset taking photos of the handcrafted rice terraces.

"At each time of the day, the colours reflected in the water were different — from bright orange, off-white, earthy brown and verdant green," she told Metro. "It was a true spectacle of what nature has to offer, and the amazing creation mankind has made." **METRO**

Yuanyang terraces

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Even Gerard Butler's trademark rakish smile can't save *Playing for Keeps* from crashing. — HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD  
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MARK BRESLIN



# Playing for weeps

**Laughless.** The Reel Guys agree — Gerard Butler's latest attempt at a rom com has upset the Movie Godz

**Richard:** Mark, I tried hard to pin point exactly the thing that bugged me about *Playing for Keeps*. I thought long and hard and have come to realize that we don't have enough space here for me to fully explain why this doesn't work, but let's start with the idea that the women are simply treated as sexed-up plot points and move on from there. What did you think?

**Mark:** Bad enough that the women are treated as sexed-up plot points; unforgivable that they're all just dropped half-way through the movie. For a while, I thought I was watch-

ing a classic sexist Tony Curtis movie. Troglydite, perhaps, but at least it was a bit of fun. Then the film lost its guts and became the story of a man who — sob — just wants to be reunited — sob — with his family. Yecch!

**RC:** Yeah. The first half hour is, maybe not exactly promising, but on par for this kind of movie. Then it takes a turn. He has unresolved feelings for his ex-wife and the movie has unresolved plot points falling from the sky like the tears of the Movie Godz who weep when movies this bad get released. Butler's trademark eye glint and rakish smile are not enough to save this, and someone please tell Uma Thurman to saddle up and work with Quentin Tarantino again.

**MB:** Speaking of Uma, how much Botox and Restylane is there in the greater Los An-

geles area? Because she's left very little for the rest of us. And Zeta-Jones' vamping made me feel sorry for Butler — he probably had to endure take after take of her bad Anne Bancroft impression. Only Judy Greer gets to walk away with her dignity intact — but she always does, doesn't she? And the running gag with the East Indian landlord was embarrassing if not borderline racist. C'mon, Richard, give me something to like about this one!

**RC:** How about this? Katherine Heigl's not in it and it's not longer. At 106 minutes, it tests the limits of endurance. At 107 minutes or more we might have been able to press charges for cruelty. Judy Greer, however, is great and I'm going to have to ask you to be careful what you say about my Uma in future.

**MB:** I apologize, Richard. I love

Synopsis

Gerard Butler plays George Dwyer, former soccer superstar, now sidelined by injuries. Broke and reduced to selling his own memorabilia to make ends meet, he moves to Virginia to be closer to his ex-wife (Jessica Biel) and their son Lewis (Noah Lomax). When the charming Scot begins coaches his son's soccer team all the soccer moms (Judy Greer, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Uma Thurman) throw themselves at him, but he has eyes for only one woman — his ex-wife.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

her too. It's just that I love her even more when her face can move about.

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# Richard Armitage's unexpected journey to becoming a dwarf

**The Hobbit.** Actor credits Tolkien with pushing his imagination and leading him to acting

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In *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey*, British actor Richard Armitage plays Thorin Oakenshield, exiled dwarf king. He's a newcomer to the Peter Jackson vision of Middle Earth — which began with the three *Lord of the Rings* films, and continues with a new *Hobbit* trilogy — but no stranger to the world of author J.R.R. Tolkien.

"I am one of those people who have loved the book," he says. "I remember being read *The Hobbit* by a teacher in primary school who did amazing voices, God bless her. I picked

up the book myself and started reading it, which was kind of rare because normally I would have to be forced to read."

He missed the chance to audition for the first set of films, but when *The Hobbit* came around he jumped at the chance.

"I had no idea how I would fit into that story because the idea of playing a dwarf just wasn't on my radar. I'm six foot three and a half, so why on earth would I play a dwarf?"

It wasn't the first time he was excited to bring the fantasy of Middle Earth to life.

"I was in a stage production of *The Hobbit* when I was 13," he says, "which I leapt at. It's weird how you have that reaction when someone says they're doing a stage production, at 13 to go, 'I've read that book. I love it. Let me be in it.' I had the same feeling when they were making this movie."

He says thoughts of that long ago play are "filled with

strange memories."

"I remember wearing a knitted smock, which had been sprayed silver to look like chain mail but it was made of wool. I was an elf. I was pretty tall for 13 years old. Gollum was made of paper and they didn't have enough money for a dragon, so it was a red light, a puff of smoke and a man off stage with a microphone. I remember running around in circles eating grapes because we were doing a scene in the forest where the Elves are tempting the dwarves to come to their feast."

He draws a straight line between his early love of Tolkien and his current profession.

"My imagination was totally stimulated by Tolkien's world and I think once you've had your imagination stimulated in that way, every book you ever read you dramatize in your head. You hear character's voices and visualize that world."



Richard Armitage plays Thorin Oakenshield, exiled dwarf king, in *The Hobbit*. HANDOUT

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## Drama



## Cloudburst

Director. Thom Fitzgerald

Stars. Olympia Dukakis, Brenda Fricker

Partners for decades, Dot and Stella make a break for Canada to get hitched so that ailing Dot's family can't kick foul-mouthed Stella out of the family home, after suffering years of her verbal abuse. Based on director Thom Fitzgerald's play of the same name, *Cloudburst* is a sweet and sometimes funny look at what happens when the impossible suddenly becomes possible; in this case, allowing two women to legally marry. Fitzgerald's script is a tad rote, but Dukakis and Fricker deliver spectacular performances. Their character's affection for one another provides the emotional anchor to this road trip through Atlantic Canada, with newcomer Ryan Doucette adding some needed comic relief.

IAN GORMEY



## Don't miss Last Chance

With Human Rights Day on December 10, the National Film Board of Canada is offering a free screening on their website of *Last Chance*, a documentary by Paul Émile d'Entremont featuring five asylum-seekers from Jamaica, Colombia, Lebanon, Egypt and Nicaragua who have fled homophobic violence. Check out NFB.ca, or metronews.ca/scene to see the trailer.

CHARLES GAGNON





# The first eco-horror movie

**Movies.** Oscar winner Barry Levinson has made the Paranormal Activity of environmental movies. Get ready to be scared by The Bay



**NED EHRBAR**  
Metro World News in Hollywood

On July 4, 2009, tiny monsters popped out of the Chesapeake Bay near Washington D.C. and horrifically killed innocent people, leaving them battered, bloodied and infected. True story? No, but new movie The Bay pretends it is. The flick is filmed in found footage style à la The Blair Witch Project and Paranormal Activity. Hidden inside is an environmental message: Our waters are toxic. Oscar-winner Barry Levinson created the film, leading us to ask:

**A found footage movie seems a strange choice for an Oscar winner. What made you want to do it?**

Well, I would not have thought to do a movie like this. It was an evolution. I was approached by the people in Maryland to do a documentary about the Chesapeake Bay because it's 40 per cent dead. I looked into it, I found out that PBS had done a documentary that was terrific, but ultimately nobody really responded or cared or thought that we ought to do something about this largest estuary in the U.S. that's 40 per cent dead, filled with a toxic soup. Then a couple of weeks later I thought, maybe what you need to do is if

you took all the facts and you pulled it into a story ... and you create characters, maybe the facts will become more frightening to us.

**Is that the movie equivalent of sneaking medication into someone's dessert?**

The information becomes vital to the storytelling. It becomes one and the same; it's connective that way. And so, I think it adds to the experience because it adds the credibility.

**What are some of the conditions in**

**the movie that come from those facts?**

Well, take the drinking water. We know the filtration systems in the United States are basically D-rated. That's what they say, it met the standards. It's substandard, but it met the standards. We know our water quality is a D-minus. And we go, "Well that's good enough."

**What about the monsters in the film?**

They're really isopods and they do exist.

They're not in the Chesapeake Bay, but they're in the Atlantic. In the scene where the oceanographer holds one up to the camera and says, "This is sea lice," that's not a CGI shot. That's a fish that has sea lice on it in South Carolina where we were filming. We've got a lot of stuff that's got a reality base to it that makes it even scarier.

**Are there any efforts now to correct the situation in the Chesapeake Bay?**

They say there are efforts

to fix it. You could correct the damage if you put a real effort forward. Now they're doing some work, so I won't say they're not doing anything. But they're not doing what you have to do. You've got to be in an emergency mode. And I mean, it's all doable. You can correct it. It's just, "Do you have the will to want to do it or not?"



Julia Roberts as Erin. UNIVERSAL

## The money behind Green Cinema

Hollywood is filled with activists behind a good cause, especially the environment. But the history of Green Cinema has had a spotty track record.

It often works best when the environmental message is inherent to the story, especially if the movie is based on actual events, like Erin Brockovich or last year's Big Miracle, about one Alaska town's efforts to free a family of whales. And a fictional movie can take its cues from real life, as in Richard Linklater's Fast Food Nation, about the horrors of McDonald's.

Hollywood triumphs when it mixes a eco message into mainstream entertainment, like James Cameron's Avatar (biggest movie ever), disaster flick The Day After Tomorrow (a smash) or Pixar's adorable Wall-E (made \$520 million worldwide). This year, director Barry Levinson tries using a gore-filled horror movie, The Bay. Made for a small sum, it'll probably make back its money.

There's often no substitute for the truth, and eco-themed documentaries are a long and proud tradition. Famous ones include Al Gore's Oscar-winning An Inconvenient Truth and Waste Land, a Brazilian movie on making art from Earth's largest landfill.

Meanwhile, Gus Van Sant's Promised Land on controversial hydraulic drilling, or fracking, is out next month and in time for Oscar consideration. But will it be a hit or a flop?

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### Green heroes and zeroes

#### Hero

#### Gisele Bundchen



The Brazilian model was named the Best Green International Celebrity at last year's Green Awards,

and since 2009 is UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador.

#### Hero

#### Daryl Hannah



The U.S. actress-activist has been arrested while at protests for eco groups. A vegan and the driver

of a biodiesel car, Hannah records video blogs on sustainability.

#### Hero

#### Mark Ruffalo



Green on screen (as Hulk in The Avengers), green in life, the U.S. actor stopped by Metro's

office for Earth Day last year to guest-edit the newspaper.

#### Zero

#### Mariah Carey



Airmiles addict diva is famous for an overindulgence of her private jet. She's even been known to fly a personal trainer into New York just for a workout.

#### Zero

#### John Travolta



His passion for aviation leaves a hefty carbon footprint. One group estimated that the actor's

hobby generates an average of 800 tons of carbon emissions a year.

#### Zero

#### Toby Keith



The U.S. country music star warrants a mention for no other reason than releasing the song Red Solo Cup, which

celebrates the popular plastic drinking vessel.

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# From horror to comedy, the holidays give us plenty of time for movies

**Preview.** Metro looks at some of the upcoming flicks hitting theatres near you

## UPCOMING COMEDIES

All that holiday family time will leave most of us in need of a few good laughs.

### The Guilt Trip

Dec. 19 — This road trip movie starring Seth Rogen and Barbra Streisand aims to plumb the treasure trove of jokes to be made about a mother and son going on a road trip together.

### This is 40

Dec. 21 — As the "sort of sequel" to 2007's Knocked Up, this Judd Apatow film follows committed couple Debbie and Pete (Leslie Mann and Paul Rudd) as they struggle with aging.

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### Quartet

Jan. 11 (limited) — Dustin Hoffman directs this comedy about a British retirement home for opera singers and the longtime resident who reunites with a lost love. Pretty much, it's Best Exotic Marigold Quartet.

### A Haunted House

Jan. 11 — Marlon Wayans, Cedric the Entertainer and Nick Swardson finally give

Paranormal Activity and all those exorcist movies the send-up they rightfully deserve.

### Movie 43

Jan. 25 — Like those monster ensemble rom coms such as Valentine's Day and New Year's Eve, this comedy packs in a load of stars but promises to be a least a little bit more enjoyable than the aforementioned cheesefests.



**The Guilt Trip** HANDOUT





Parker HANDOUT

## SCI-FI, HORROR, ACTION

Despite being the season for high-concept movies, the horror and action genres have plenty to offer this winter.

### Texas Chainsaw 3D

Jan. 4 — It's yet another remake of the classic horror flick, but this time the story follows a young woman who journeys to Texas to gather her inheritance, which happens to be in the home of Leatherface.

### Mama

Jan. 18 — Annabel and Lucas, a young couple, must raise his two young nieces after being left to fend for themselves by their late parents. They soon dis-

cover the girls' dark past, which includes a relentless spirit called Mama.

### The Last Exorcism 2: The Beginning of the End

March 1 — If you can get past the film's misleading predecessor, the sequel picks up somewhere down the track as Nell Sweetzer attempts to move on from the past, but is confronted by the sinister force that previously possessed her.

### Gangster Squad

Jan. 11 — If Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone aren't enough to get you interested, this film looks set to be one of the best winter releases. The action flick follows the LAPD's struggle with the East Coast Mafia during the '40s and '50s.

### Parker

Jan. 25 — Jason Statham

steps back into his signature role as an action hero, but this time he plays a thief who forms an alliance with an unlikely friend (Jennifer Lopez) to get revenge on his gang.

### Hansel and Gretel Witch Hunters

Jan. 25 — The name pretty much sums it up. The flick is a modern take on the classic fairy tale in which we see Hansel and Gretel on a pursuit for vengeance against the witches who tortured them as children.

### Jack Reacher

Dec. 21 — In this adaptation of the Lee Child crime series, Tom Cruise plays an ex-military homicide investigator who steps in to solve a case in which a trained sniper is accused of killing five random innocents.

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## FILMS LIKELY TO SCORE A GOLDEN STATUETTE

### 1. Killing Them Softly

Friday — Brad Pitt stars in this dark underworld thriller about a pair of small-time crooks that rob a mobster card game. Soon an enforcer (Pitt) is sent in to make sure that debts are properly paid.

### 2. Hyde Park on Hudson

Friday (limited) — Bill Murray, Laura Linney and Olivia Williams star in this depiction of the affair between FDR and his distant cousin, Margaret Stuckley, during the landmark visit of the first reigning British royals on American soil.

### 3. Amour

Dec. 19 (limited) — The winner of the 2012 Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival has yet to leave anything but a stirring impression on those who have seen it. Austrian filmmaker Michael Haneke's depiction of an elderly couple facing their mortality guarantees a beautifully heart-rending experience.

### 4. Zero Dark Thirty

Dec. 19 (limited) — After her Oscar win for 2008's The Hurt Locker, Kathryn Bigelow presents another military drama in the Middle East, this time following the hunt and execution of Osama Bin Laden.

### 5. The Impossible

Dec. 21 (limited) — Naomi Watts and Ewan McGregor star in the true story of one family's struggle to survive the tsunami that struck the coast of Thailand in 2004.

### 6. Not Fade Away

Dec. 21 (limited) — The mastermind behind The Sopranos, David Chase, writes and directs this nostalgic drama about a fledgling rock band trying to make it big in 1960s New Jersey. And yes, James Gandolfini (formerly known as Tony Soprano) does make an appearance.

### 7. On the Road

Jan. 18 (limited) — This long-awaited adaptation of Jack Kerouac's beloved beatnik novel stars Garrett Hedlund, Kirsten Dunst and of course a topless-at-one-point Kristen Stewart as a bunch of roustabout rebels in the late '50s, trying to discover what it means to be free.

### 8. Django Unchained

Dec. 25 — Vigilante justice is the cornerstone of any Quentin Tarantino film, and his 2012 offering promises to deliver the obligatory amount of gra-

tuitous bloodshed. Jamie Foxx plays a freed slave who is assisted in revenge by his mentor, played by Christoph Waltz.

### 9. Les Misérables

Dec. 25 — Some Oscar wins are practically in the hands of director Tom Hooper already for his adaptation of the Broadway musical, originally penned as a novel by Victor Hugo. By recording the live singing performances of stars Russell Crowe, Hugh Jackman, Anne Hathaway and others, the film stands to break new ground for musical adaptations that eschew the cheese factor.

### 10. Promised Land

Jan. 4 — Matt Damon, Frances McDormand, John Krasinski and Rosemarie DeWitt star in this film about a natural gas company salesman who experiences a conflict of interest when arriving in a small town



Django Unchained HANDOUT

that is the next target for prospecting.

### 11. The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey

Dec. 14 — The first installment of Peter Jackson's latest Tolkien

trilogy is sure to pick up at least a few technical awards for its daring method of shooting film at twice the speed of regular film (48 frames per second, as opposed to the traditional 24).

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# Bruno Mars plans to play until his fingers bleed

**New album.** The out-of-the-box musician talks about what went into making his latest effort, *Unorthodox Jukebox*

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Metro World News

Bruno Mars was born and raised in sunny Hawaii. He's sold millions of records. And he has those chocolate brown eyes.

His shirt is mostly unbuttoned and he speaks slowly while stirring milk into a huge cup of coffee and settling into a huge, brown leather couch.

## A little more from Bruno

### One more quote:

- On the title of the album *Unorthodox Jukebox*. "I was always told that my music was too unorthodox, too all over the place. That really chapped my ass, because I'm all over the place. The way I write music and all the music that I enjoy is what makes me unorthodox. To the suits that's a bad thing, because they have to think about marketing and what radio station will play this song and who will listen to it. Is it a young audience? An urban audience? A rock audience? I never understood all these questions."

Relaxed, cool and confident — that's how he appears while talking about his new album, *Unorthodox Jukebox*.

And he probably is, at least today.

But that's not how he feels all the time. The 27-year-old singer had a very hard time getting started on the album, the successor to his hugely successful debut *Doo-Wops & Hooligans* from 2010.

"I went through writer's block — two months of being uninspired," he said.

"It was just weeks and weeks of going back into the studio and trying to write something that means something. It's not easy. It gets scary, and I was afraid I'd never be able to

flowing again. That part of my brain turned back on," he explains.

Bruno Mars thinks that it was the many months that he spent on tour after releasing *Doo-Wops & Hooligans*

that made it difficult to get back into song-writing mode.

"Maybe it was because I was coming off tour and I was trying to get my mind to work like that again."

"You have



Bruno Mars is anything but your standard musician. JAMES MOONEY

such a repetitive life on tour, travelling and singing the same songs over and over again.

"When you take all of that away, the transition ... You've been playing the same chords and now you're trying to teach yourself new chords," he says.

Even though he's named after

Hawaii.

Both his parents are singers, and he's been performing in front of a real audience — not just mom and dad in the backyard — since he was three or four years old.

He's had the same idols since then too.

He's still a fan of Michael Jackson, Prince, Freddie Mercury and Sting — and yes, his new hit song *Locked Out of Heaven* may sound somewhat like *The Police*, he admits, grinning.

"There's an '80s kind of a feel to it. It wasn't planned, but my love for these chord progressions and the synth drum machines that were popularized in the '80s came out on this album much more than on the first one. I feel like ... in the '80s there were singers, real strong singers," he says.

"Today, it's more like 'the era of computer-programmed.' There's a beauty in that too — I'm not a snob that's gonna say, 'This is not real music.'"

It's just not his taste. Bruno Mars likes the guys who played their instruments, till — as Bryan Adams said — their fingers bleed.

And that's how he's made a career for himself too.

write anything ever again," says the singer.

"Suddenly, for some reason, it started

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professional wrestler Bruno Sammartino, music, not sports, was No.1 in Bruno Mars' childhood home in

## Industry relying on Ke\$ha, Bruno Mars, Angels & Airwaves



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We've almost reached the end of the 2012 album release season. Will these albums help keep sales ahead of last year?



### Dirty Love/Ke\$ha feat. Iggy Pop

Includes the lyrics "Cockroaches do it in garbage cans/Rug merchants do it in Afghanistan."



### Young Girls/Bruno Mars

The second video from *Unorthodox Jukebox*, which is due out on Tuesday. His label is hoping for a No. 1 debut.



### Reel 1 (Diary)/Angels & Airwaves

One of the very last big-name releases of the year will come with Tom Hoppus' (Blink 182) side project on Dec. 18. *Stomping the Phantom Brake Pedal* is officially a double EP of "evolved" and "reimagined" tracks.



# Rap duo shake up hip hop paradigm

**Macklemore & Ryan Lewis.** Rappers' gay-friendly song Same Love defies old genre conventions with style

Macklemore isn't ashamed to tell you he was scared when he saw some of the destinations for his upcoming tour.

Idaho. Montana. Texas. None of those places in the Heartland seemed like they'd be receptive to Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' left-leaning, socially conscious message. A hostile reception seemed more likely — especially for the lightning-rod song *Same Love*, which offers support for the gay community.

To the 29-year-old rapper's surprise, he found the crowds singing the chorus right back at him. "Those were three places where people probably sang the loudest and it gives me some hope in the power of music and what music can do," said the MC, whose given name is Ben Haggerty. "To hear people's testimonials about Same Love changing the way that they feel about gay people or the language that they use in their everyday life, making



**Macklemore & Ryan Lewis' debut album is *The Heist*.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

them consider changing that language, or changing their hateful perspective on another group of people, it's exciting to see that music has that capability. It just affirms what you already believe, but to see it on a tangible level in these cities has been one of the greatest gifts of my career."

It's a time of plenty for the Seattle alternative hip-hop duo, which released its debut studio album, *The Heist*, to great acclaim last month. Haggerty and his producing and business partner Lewis sold more than 78,000 copies of the record the first week of release. That's a staggering sum for an

independent release, putting the album at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 all-genre chart.

Haggerty said they expected to sell somewhere between 28,000 and 33,000 copies.

"It's a validation, absolutely," Haggerty said in a phone interview. "It's definitely a reward. But at the end of the day,

it is a number and you try not to let your happiness be contingent upon a number. What it equates to is the fact people are resonating with the music, that the fans are supporting our album, that people wanted to be part of our record and not just download illegally, but financially get behind it and say, 'We

## Quote

**"Now we have to figure how to keep that intimate relationship with the fans in the midst of so many people."**

Ryan Lewis

Talking about how their rising fame is causing them to change things up.

believe in it.' And that is the biggest reward out of all of it."

What's happened in the six weeks since the release has been dizzying. Lewis said offers are coming from everywhere, and the fans are increasing exponentially at every show. Things are happening so fast, reacting in real time to the changes in their popularity has been difficult. Used to dealing with fans in a very personal way, they're trying to engage larger groups of people.

"Now we have to figure how to keep that intimate relationship with the fans in the midst of so many people," Lewis said. "And that's across the board. The shows get bigger. How do we adapt our shows to keep it as awesome as it was for 800 people to 4,000 people? We're adapting." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

## The Word

### 'Tis the season in the city for these two starlets



THE WORD  
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Sarah Jessica Parker and Naomi Watts not only juggle A-list acting careers as well as their families, but they also somehow find the time to take advantage of New York City's many cultural opportunities (annoying, I know).

"We have incredible museums that are affordable and free, we have tons of wonderful ballet companies. I try to do all

these things with my children. Simply walking up and down the streets of New York — there's art everywhere, there's things to talk about," said Parker Thursday night at the New 42 Gala, which honoured the Australia Council for the Arts as well as supported the New Victory Education Program.

Naomi Watts — who was there with her children, Sasha, 5, and Samuel, 4, and partner

Liev Schreiber — agrees. "We've done a few shows with the kids. It's a treat," she said.

But lest you think Parker and Watts are so perfect they only fill their childrens' heads with intellectual goodness, rest assured both women have fallen prey to holiday craziness.

"We're pretty conventional," says Parker about her holidays with her family, which includes husband, actor

Matthew Broderick, son James, 10, and twin daughters Marion and Tabitha, 3. "We like to be together, we like to eat, we play Yankee Trader."

Meanwhile, it seems like the Liev/Watts household has fallen victim to the holiday terrorist that is Elf on the Shelf. (For those of you lucky enough not to know what this is, the Elf on the Shelf is a doll who allegedly spies on

your kids at Christmas time and has to be moved night after night by the parents. It's great for about a hot minute.)

"I think they're getting into the whole Santa Claus thing," Watts said about her little family. "They've got the Elf on the Shelf and every night he moves."

WITH REPORTING BY  
OLIVIA MORROW

## Damage control a breeze after Sheen



Angus T. Jones

The recent hubbub over Angus T. Jones urging fans to stop watching his hit sitcom, *Two and a Half Men*, and calling the show "filth" was apparently nothing the folks at CBS couldn't handle, at least according to network head Les Moonves. "I don't think (the Angus situation has) quite been resolved, but after going through what we went through with Charlie Sheen, it's been a piece of cake," Moonves says in a statement to TMZ.



## A second sleepover for Swift and Styles



Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The fledging romance between Taylor Swift and One Direction star Harry Styles appears to be heating up pretty quickly, if their latest rendezvous are any indication. Styles was spotted trying to sneak into the New York City hotel where Swift is staying, an overnight bag over his shoulder, according to Hollyscoop. That's the second night in a row the young music stars have spent together at the hotel this week.

## Sovereign stork to arrive in the summer



Kate Middleton

It's going to be a summer baby for Kate Middleton, according to Life & Style. "She's due in July, which is a month full of significance for William," a source says. "His mother, Diana, was born on July 1, and his parents got married on July 29." As for who the godparents will be for the new prince or princess? Signs are pointing to Prince Harry

and Pippa Middleton, according to ABC News. "Kate is very close to her sister, Pippa, and William is infinitely, in the same way, close to Prince Harry. So they are the obvious choice," royal contributor Victoria Arbiter Brown says. "They were the best man and the chief bridesmaid at their wedding, they're well-trusted, they're family."

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### Restoreport's regal nature



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If there's a liquid silver lining to winter being around the corner, it's that port season has officially arrived.

This time of year provides chilly nights and the opportunity for roaring fires, both perfect companions to a glass of the king of Portuguese wine.

For some of you, port carries more baggage than the Kardashian sisters on a three-day vacation. The term has been used by countries the world over (including Canada) on the labels of generic, booze-infused wines that totally take the regal name of port in vain.

Most have stopped, and true port is finding a new audience as a luxurious meal ender or cigar companion (if you're so inclined).

Choosing the port that's right for you can be a struggle. Most are expensive and not all are appropriate for drinking right away.

A Late Bottled Vintage style, like Taylor's 2005 LBV (\$16.45 to \$24.99), is a mid-priced blend of wines all produced in the same year. Smooth, with deep, dark berry fruit, an LBV is drinkable right out of the bottle, will keep for several weeks once opened and makes a great introduction to the world of port. **PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

# Step up fancy factor with Prime Veal Chop

**Prime Veal Chop with Pesto and Feta Cheese.** It may be hard to believe, but this delicious recipe takes just three ingredients to make



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I created this recipe for The Pickle Barrel chain of restaurants in Toronto.

The veal chop is beautifully lean and tender. The combination of pesto and feta complements it beautifully and gives the dish a Mediterranean twist.

This goes well with grilled vegetables and mashed potatoes.

1. Preheat the oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with foil and spray with cooking oil.

## Ingredients

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 14 minutes

- four 6- to 8-oz prime veal chops with bone in (also known as the French cut)
- 2 tbsp pesto
- 2 tbsp crumbled feta cheese



This recipe serves four. BRIAN MACDONALD, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

2. Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium-high heat. Cook the veal on both sides just until seared and browned, approximately 2 minutes per side. Place on the prepared baking

sheet.

3. Spread both sides of the veal with pesto sauce and sprinkle with the feta, patting the cheese down firmly.

4. Bake for approximately 10 minutes, until the internal temperature registers about 135 F for medium-rare, or to desired doneness. Let rest 5 minutes.

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# Impress guests with Parmesan Custard Cup

## Parmesan Custard Cup



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### Parmesan Custard

**1.** In food processor, combine light cream cheese, whipping cream and eggs. Pulse until smooth, about 2 minutes.

**2.** Add Parmesan, salt and pepper; continue to pulse until smooth, about 1 minute. Divide Parmesan mix into each of the eight greased glass ramekins (approx. 1/4 cup or 50 ml in each)

### Spinach Layer

**1.** Put spinach over strainer in the sink and gently press to remove water.

**2.** In skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat, add garlic; cook, stirring until aromatic, about 1 min. Stir in spinach, green onions, salt and pepper. Cook to combine flavours, 4 mins. Remove from heat and spoon a generous 1/4 cup (50 ml) spinach mix on top of Parmesan custard, pressing gently.

### Roasted Red Pepper and Salad Greens

**1.** In bowl, stir red pepper slices and garlic. Cover tops of spinach with a layer of roasted red pepper. The peppers should cover the spinach. Smooth tops.

**2.** Place custard cups on large

rimmed baking sheet and bake in 375 F (190 C) oven until set, about 30 mins. Let cool slightly.

**3.** Meanwhile, in bowl, whisk

together olive oil, vinegar, Dijon, salt and pepper. Toss with mixed greens.

**4.** Run thin knife around edges of glass ramekins. In-

vert onto salad plates and top each with small amount of mixed greens and serve. Or top each cup with a handful of mixed greens and serve.

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# Tisby uses his poise to dominate the paint

**Hot streak.** Rainmen forward's numbers have improved since taking on the starting role



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Antoine Tisby is totally fine knowing he's not the emotional, outspoken leader many championship teams boast.

In fact, Halifax Rainmen's head coach Rob Spon compares his big man's demeanor to Winnie the Pooh.

"When you watch him on the court he comes across as a little detached, lackadaisical," said Spon. "But he's one of the best big guys in the league. When he gets the ball, good things happen."

On the court Tisby carries an expressionless, almost stoic demeanor at all times. While his movements appear too deliberate, he has an uncanny ability

of finding seams for a clear shot in the post. But it hasn't been a cakewalk for the 29-year-old. After being signed on Nov. 5, he was designated to bench duties under Halifax's former coach Cliff Livingston, averaging just six points a game. Since Spon took over he's become a starter, reaching double-digits in scoring, twice notching 17, in all but one of his last five games. The former Saint John Mill Rats' other stats are also telling. He ranks second in the league with blocks per game (1.6) and

fifth in offensive rebounds (2.5). He'll be looking to add to those totals during the Rainmen's two-game home stint where they take on the Oshawa Power at the Metro Centre Friday at 7 p.m. and the Mill Rats on Saturday at 7 p.m.

"A lot of coaches can't figure it out but I'm ready to play," said Tisby. "I don't show a lot of emotion and I'm not one of the more animated guys on the court."

"He's a big teddy bear," added Spon. "I can't yell and

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scream at him."

But that's not to say Tisby lacks confidence.

"Any league I've played in I've always considered myself one of the best big men," he said.



Halifax Rainmen power forward Antoine Tisby at a team practice on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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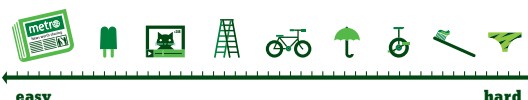
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# Fehr-ing the worst: NHL talks stall



Sidney Crosby listens as NHLPA executive director Donald Fehr speaks to reporters on Thursday in New York. MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Day 82.** No talks planned after NHLPA's proposal rejected by league

The NHL labour talks have hit another roadblock — and this one appears to be massive.

After two optimistic days that suggested a deal could be imminent, negotiations between the league and the NHL Players' Association broke off dramatically Thursday.

The NHLPA presented a new offer on Thursday afternoon, a proposal that union head Donald Fehr called "a clear outline" to end the dispute.

Fehr said he believed the two sides are "clearly very close, if not on top of one another in connection with most of the major issues."

The league flatly rejected the offer, saying the two sides aren't close despite what Fehr says.

"I don't know why he did that," an angry Gary Bettman told a news conference.

The NHL commissioner said any new offers the league made this week are now off the table.

"The take or give or bottom line on all this is: It appears

that the union is suggesting because we made substantial movements in certain areas that we're close to a deal," said Bettman. "But those moves were contingent on the union specifically agreeing on other things, which, while the union may have moved towards, didn't agree to."

During talks this week, the league said it was willing to increase the amount of deferred transition money paid to the players to \$300 million US — which sat directly between what had most recently been tabled by the NHL (\$211 million) and NHLPA (\$393 million).

Another issue that surfaced was the league's desire to see a 10-year term on the collective-bargaining agreement. The union's offer Thursday was for eight years with an option for opting out after Year 6.

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## B.J. Penn and Rory MacDonald out for blood

Rory "Ares" MacDonald and B.J. "The Prodigy" Penn continue to steal the show in the buildup to this weekend's UFC show, the tension between the two welterweights positively sizzling at Thursday's pre-fight news conference.

There was a definite yin and yang as the show began in the Seattle Centre Pavilion, adjacent to the KeyArena.

A stone-faced MacDonald, dressed impeccably in suit and tie, stared at the audi-

ence as if he was attending a sentencing hearing rather than promoting an MMA card.

Penn, whose wardrobe selection consisted of finding a [bjpenn.com](http://bjpenn.com) T-shirt to wear, was the picture of relaxation until midway through the news conference when asked about his reaction to comments from MacDonald.

"Rory said he took this fight because he really wants to hurt me. He said I'm probably going to die in the ring and he better be ready to back up everything he said," said Penn, his eyes burning like a laser in MacDonald's direction.

Asked if he felt disrespected, the 33-year-old Penn didn't bite but repeated that the 23-year-old Canadian had better back up his comment on Saturday in the cage.

"I'm ready," replied an icy MacDonald. "Don't worry about that."

The debate went downhill after that.

"We'll see," said Penn. "We will see," answered MacDonald.

"Can't wait, buddy," said Penn. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Kelowna, B.C., welterweight Rory MacDonald THE CANADIAN PRESS



## Broncos batter Raiders for 8th consecutive victory

Rahim Moore, left, of the Denver Broncos breaks up a pass intended for Denarius Moore of the Oakland Raiders on Thursday in Oakland. Peyton Manning threw for 310 yards and his 30th touchdown pass of the season in leading the Broncos to a 26-13 win. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES



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## Horoscopes

### Aries

**March 21 - April 20**  
You can be successful on a material level but you will also have to take on some heavy responsibilities. Are you prepared to do that? It's important that you decide one way or the other before making your next move.

### Taurus

**April 21 - May 21**  
You may doubt that you are up to the task that has been set for you, but you must not let those doubts take hold. Think of life as a wonderful adventure. It's how you play the game.

### Gemini

**May 22 - June 21**  
Group activities are under the spotlight today and you may meet someone who has a profound effect on the way you look at the world. If you feel it is your destiny to do something special, you will soon get the chance.

### Cancer

**June 22 - July 23**  
If you want to make a name for yourself, now is the time to begin. Set new goals and start long-term projects. Just make sure you know what the consequences will be. This isn't for fun, this is serious.

### Leo

**July 24 - Aug. 23**  
Unexpected delays may frustrate you today, and maybe into the weekend, but there is nothing you can do about them. So, lighten up. The scenery may pass slowly but that gives you more time to enjoy it.

### Virgo

**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**  
Your money situation may be going through an up and down phase, but the planets indicate that real wealth is within your grasp. You'll change the way you think about what you own and earn over the next 24 hours.

### Libra

**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**  
Someone you usually get along with so well is hard to get through to today. It's as if there is an invisible barrier between you. Don't worry, it's nothing serious. They just need to be left alone with their thoughts for a while.

### Scorpio

**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**  
Don't worry if a plan or project you have been working on for months, maybe even years, is still not complete. It's a long-term project, after all. Having said that, see how far you can move it forward today.

### Sagittarius

**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**  
At some point today, you will realize that what seems like harmless enjoyment to you may not be so harmless to other people. It's important to remember that you don't live in a vacuum. Actions always have consequences.

### Capricorn

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**  
Something will happen over the next two or three days that reminds you of your responsibilities. Most important of all is your duty to loved ones. How can you help ease a relative's pain?

### Aquarius

**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**  
Others may wonder why you are so difficult to get through to but even an Aquarius needs to spend some time alone. Come the weekend you will be your old self again, open and happy and eager to share.

### Pisces

**Feb. 20 - March 20**  
The limitations and restrictions of the past few days will start to lift and by Monday, at the latest, you will be free to pursue your own interests. Hopefully, those limitations will have taught you the importance of timing. **SALLY BROMPTON**

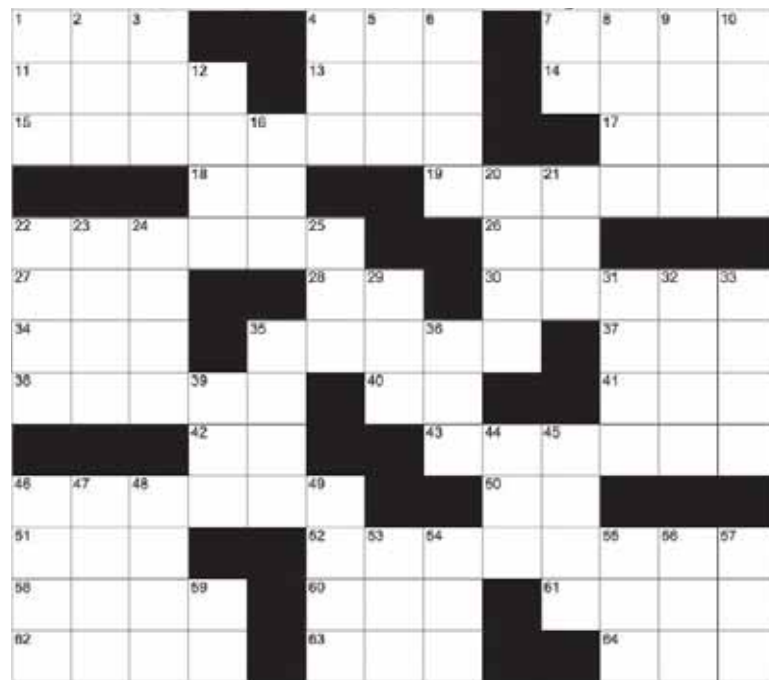
## Crossword

### Across

- carte (2 wds)
- Family Ties actor: Michael J. —
- A softened oath
- Painted metalware
- Mine yield
- Withered
- Type of stew
- "The Crying Game" actor Stephen —
- Commercial message
- Seem
- Where ends meet
- Common Latin abbr.
- Latin 101 verb
- Contented sigh
- Dims
- Funnyman Conway
- Rise and —
- Fury
- Cubic metre
- Courtroom figure (abbr.)
- For shame!
- Apiece (abbr.)
- Extremely bright
- Designer McCartney
- Musical note
- Ramsey
- Sloppy
- Crew needs
- The Royal Canadian — Farce
- Boxcar rider
- Factual
- On the authority of
- Coal container

### Down

- Banking convenience
- Role for Ed Asner
- My Children
- Haze
- Openings (anat.)
- Warrior princess of TV



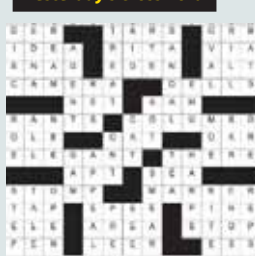
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- Plural suffix
- "An Officer and a Gentleman" actor
- Locale
- Letter starter
- Zest
- Chemical suffix
- Tube
- Small green veggie
- Broadway musical
- Overlook

- Italian capital
- Bleachers cheer
- Concealed
- Boost
- Lake near Niagara Falls
- Flower starter
- Fasten tightly
- Henpeck
- Family mem.
- Brat
- Child's card game: Go —

- Photographed
- Shed one of these
- Beige shade
- On the double
- Fib
- Like some verbs (abbr.)
- Peg
- Sash
- Put on
- Opposite of NW

## Yesterday's Crossword



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## Sudoku

### How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Yesterday's Sudoku

6	7	9	2	1	5	8	4	3
1	8	5	9	4	3	2	6	7
4	2	3	7	6	8	5	1	9
9	3	2	4	7	1	6	5	8
5	4	6	8	3	9	7	2	1
7	1	8	6	5	2	9	3	4
2	5	1	3	8	7	4	9	6
3	6	7	5	9	4	1	8	2
8	9	4	1	2	6	3	7	5

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1				4				
						6	3	
	2	5		8		4		1

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2°/0°

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